

## World's Famous Ayrshire Herd

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It is noteworthy that a breeder should have succeeded in establishing two such noted herds. One naturally wonders how it has been accomplished. Last week an editor of Farm and Dairy called at Springfield Farm and found some of the reasons.

In the first place Mr. Hunter, Sr., has not only been breeding Ayrshires all his life but—he loves them. He believes that they are the greatest all-round dairy breed. In the second place his love and his faith in them are shared by Mrs. Hunter, their sons and their daughters. Their 13-year-old daughter is even more familiar with the breeding of all the leading animals in the herd than some of the senior members of the family.

Again, Mr. Hunter, Sr., as a result of his long experience, has an ideal type of Ayrshire fixed in his mind and thus he knows the kind of animal he wants both when breeding and when buying. Two of the sons, Willie

we sometimes hear about the small tests of Ayrshires has been caused in milking strain of Ayrshires. The breeders of this class of Ayrshires have kept the milk producing qualities of their cows in view instead of fancy points. This is the class of Ayrshires our Canadian breeders go over to get. We must have the utility type.

## MILK RECORDS HELP

"The milk records that are kept by the officers of the cow testing associations in Scotland are an aid to us," said William Hunter, "when we are endeavoring to buy animals from good milk producing stock. Their records are kept on a basis entirely different from ours. Their cattle are not pushed with the object of making big records. The Scotch breeders do not believe in records obtained in that way. In fact, they discourage attempts to force big records. One man was expelled from his association."

"Generally about 30 breeders form

from having their cows under test than from being able to tell what their cows are doing.

## AN AIM IN VIEW

"In making our importations," continued Mr. Hunter, "our aim has been to build up a reputation for importing more animals of high quality and deep milking capacity than any other breeders on the continent. Although we are constantly making sales we always aim to keep on hand only high-class animals.

"This year the demand for Ayrshires has been unusually strong. We have equipped three prominent United States breeders with stock which this fall is likely to win high honors at leading United States exhibitions. We have also made many smaller sales."

## GOOD STOCK ON HAND

In spite of the numerous large sales the firm has made the 75 head of stock on hand includes many fine animals. The features of the herd are the two herd bulls,

Lesnessock Durward Lely (imp.), the four year old bull, is cut of the highest record cow in Scotland, Bargenoch Blossom 3rd. She gave an average for eight months of 48 lbs., 7 oz. of milk a day, testing 4.05 per cent. butter fat, official test. His sire is acknowledged to be the greatest bull in Scotland for producing show winners and high testing cows. His dam gave 11,000 lbs. milk in 40 weeks, official test. This bull has a typical Ayrshire head, pronounced masculine qualities, an exceptionally good top line and unusual depth.

Bargenoch Victor Hugo (imp.), a 2-year-old bull out of Ruby of Bargenoch, a cow that gave slightly over 11,000 lbs. of milk, testing 4.2 per cent. in 40 weeks, official test, is an animal hard to fault. His dam, last year, although in her 36 weeks, out of two tests. This bull was second at Seattle in the yearling Westminster B.C., where he defeated the Seattle grand champion. He is an exceptionally strong animal in every way and has a great future.

## THE COWS

The females include a very strong 3-year-old offer, Old Hall Cherry 7th. She has great capacity, a strong back and an exceptionally well developed udder and teats.

Shewallton Mains Swell (imp.) is a big, 6-year-old cow that is likely to be a very strong show animal next year. Drumsie Sprightly 9th, a 5-year-old cow, is from a strain of one of the greatest dairy test winners in Scotland. Her dam won the Ayr dairy test twice. On her sire's side, Drumsie 7th, has more daughters that have passed the Advanced Registry Test than any other sire.

A Canadian bred cow, Dorothy, seven years old, is the best Canadian cow we have seen for a long time and able to hold her own with the best imported cows. She is a big, strong cow with a grand udder and large teats.

Snowflake, a 6-year-old cow by the same sire, is another grand type of a working Ayrshire.

Lesnessock Hopeful Rose, six years

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Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land for three years. A homesteader must live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm, of at least 80 acres, and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader's good standing may pre-empt a quarter section of land. Duties—Residence on the homestead or pre-emption six months in each of three years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to secure homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.

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old, shows great capacity. Her milk veins are unusually evident indicating great milk producing qualities.

## BLOOD COWS

Eight cows in the herd have qualified in the Record of Performance. At least 16 cows that were in the herd last year and that were sure to could be completed. A very fine animal in the herd that is eligible is covered number will be entered during September and October.

## WELL KNOWN STRAINS

Noted strains of Ayrshires represented in the herd are the champion Beauty and Bloomer 8th, the Lesnessock by 10 animals, including Pansy 2nd, a big strong cow that is a proved heavy milker and Madonna, considered by many to be the best 2-year-old that left Scotland last spring. Nettie, a great bull Robin daughter of the great lady Jean, a Hood. The Casselman strain is represented by Pansy, a 7-year-old cow machine. Besides the foregoing there are a number of fine individuals from the herds of other successful breeders.

## YOUNG STOCK

The young stock includes several promising animals sired by Lesnessock Durward Lely, that are true to type with the strong lines of their sire plainly evident. There are also fine bull calves including six by Durward Lely. There are a fine lot of youngsters six months to 11 months old.

Owing to the fact that their cows have not freshened in time, Messrs. Hunter & Sons, will not be represented this fall as usual in the show rings at the leading Canadian exhibitions. During the past few months they have made 11 shipments, comprising 42 animals, to the States, including one will ever know what the importance of pure bred stock imports. Messrs. Hunter & Sons have meant to the live stock interests of Canada and what they will mean in the future.—H.B.C.

## An Exceptionally Strong Animal that gives Promise of a Great Future

Bargenoch Victor Hugo (imp.), as shown in the illustration, is the junior of the two bulls that head the Springfield herd, owned by Robert Hunter, & Sons, Maxwell, Ont. This animal, along with others is described in the adjoining article. Photo by an editor of Farm and Dairy.

and Davis, who are interested with their father in the handling of the cattle, are about as good judges of an Ayrshire cow as is Mr. Hunter.

## TWO FARMS

There are two farms: Springfield, the home farm managed by Mr. Hunter, Sr., and his son, "Dave", and Rosmhor Farm, owned by the eldest son, William Hunter. The first comprises 120 acres and the second 118 on both. The joint herd comprises about 75 head of cattle. About 25 cows are in milk. By November, 40 will be milking. The milk is shipped to Montreal. Most of the cows freshen in the fall in order that the high winter prices may be obtained for their milk.

## NUMEROUS IMPORTATIONS

Mr. Hunter and his sons have made nine importations of Ayrshires from Scotland. An average of slightly over 30 animals have been imported each year. The last five importations have averaged about 40 head each. The last four importations have been made by William Hunter. Next year "Dave" may go over.

## TWO DIFFERENT TYPES

"In Scotland," said Mr. Hunter, "there are two radically different types of Ayrshires. One is what is called the Fancy Vessel strain. The breeders of this type of Ayrshire have been trying to secure a certain fancy type of udder. Much of the complaint

of an association and engage a man to weigh and test the milk of their cows at stated intervals, which is about every two weeks for each herd. The feed the net per cow of every cow in the association becomes known. The fat percentage of the milk of each basis. This, however, is not done with the records of the cows sold for export.

"The spirit shown in Scotland by the breeders there about records is utterly different from that which is manifest sometimes over here. In the counties where Ayrshires are owned, those who rent their farms are better off than many farmers over here who own 100 and 200 acres of land.

Many of our people have the idea that the Scotch breeders are very shrewd and hard in driving bargain. Some are, but many are not. They have other interests beside their Ayrshires and are far above resorting to tricks to manipulate the records of their cows. In many cases the testers set with the hired men and the owners of the cows do not know what the records of their cows are until the officer of the association tells them. The owner, even if he wanted to, could not alter the records. These tests are growing in popularity. Almost 4,000 cows are under test. Many of the breeders derive no other benefit